

# 2025 Mississippi Beekeepers Convention Agenda

FRIDAY NOV 07

MORNING AGENDA

8:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 9:30 <sub>AM</sub>	At the Door Registration Opens	Lobby
8:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 4:00 <sub>PM</sub>	Honey & Wax Show Entries Accepted	Designated Room
8:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 4:00 <sub>PM</sub>	Silent Auction Items Accepted	Lobby
9:30 <sub>AM</sub> - 10:00 <sub>AM</sub>	Welcome, Opening Remarks, & Announcements <i>Mr. Curtis Waites, MBA President</i>	General Session Room MAIN
10:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 10:30 <sub>AM</sub>	Breeding for Varroa Resistant Honey Bees <i>Dr. Frank Rinkevich, Keynote Speaker</i>	General Session Room MAIN
10:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 10:30 <sub>AM</sub>	Fermentation, A Beekeeper's Nightmare! <i>Mr. Harry Fulton (MBA Past President)</i>	Breakout Session
10:30 <sub>AM</sub> - 11:00 <sub>AM</sub>	ABF President - Commercial Beekeeping in Montana <i>Ms. Patty Sunberg</i>	General Session Room MAIN
11:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 11:30 <sub>AM</sub>	Dynamics of Small Hive Beetles in MS Apiaries <i>Dr. Esmaeil Amiri</i>	General Session Room MAIN
11:00 <sub>AM</sub> - 11:30 <sub>PM</sub>	Supplemental Feeding & Nutrition <i>Mr. Austin Smith (MBA Commercial Beekeeper At-Large)</i>	Breakout Session
11:30 <sub>AM</sub> - 12:00 <sub>PM</sub>	Looking Beyond the Obvious <i>Ms. Chari Elam</i>	General Session Room MAIN

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AFTERNOON AGENDA

12:00 <sub>PM</sub> - 1:30 <sub>PM</sub>	<b>LUNCH</b> (PROVIDED WITH CONVENTION REGISTRATION)	
1:30 <sub>PM</sub> - 2:15 <sub>PM</sub>	Plants, Landscapes & Nutrition for Honeybees <i>Mr. Sammy Ramazani</i>	General Session Room MAIN
1:30 <sub>PM</sub> - 2:00 <sub>PM</sub>	Installing and Growing Nucs to Colonies that Likely Survive the First Winter <i>Dr. Jeff Harris</i>	Breakout Session
2:15 <sub>PM</sub> - 3:00 <sub>PM</sub>	Lessons Learned from Five Years of Research on Amitraz Resistance in Varroa Destructor. <i>Dr. Frank Rinkevich, Keynote Speaker</i>	General Session Room MAIN
2:00 <sub>PM</sub> - 2:30 <sub>PM</sub>	Maximizing Honey Production <i>Ms. Chari Elam</i>	Breakout Session
3:00 <sub>PM</sub> - 3:30 <sub>PM</sub>	<b>BREAK - Visit Vendors!</b>	Lobby
3:30 <sub>PM</sub> - 4:00 <sub>PM</sub>	<b>WHAT! Algae for Bees?</b> <i>Mr. John Turpin</i>	General Session Room MAIN
3:30 <sub>PM</sub> - 4:00 <sub>PM</sub>	Swarm Management By Making Splits <i>Dr. Jeff Harris</i>	Breakout Session
4:00 <sub>PM</sub> - 4:30 <sub>PM</sub>	Viral Infections and Winter Colony Mortality <i>Dr. Esmaeil Amiri</i>	General Session Room MAIN
4:00 <sub>PM</sub> - 4:30 <sub>PM</sub>	Cutout Bee Removals <i>Mr. Randy McCaffery</i>	Breakout Session
4:30 <sub>PM</sub> - 5:00 <sub>PM</sub>	Door Prizes & Announcements Visit Vendors!	Room MAIN
6:00 <sub>PM</sub>	Banquet, Awards, Entertainment (TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED)	Room MAIN

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MORNING AGENDA

8:00AM - 9:00AM	At the Door Registration Opens Honey & Wax Show Entries Must be submitted by 8:30am*	Lobby
9:00AM	Honey & Wax Show Judging Begins <i>Dr. Jeff Harris</i>	Designated Room
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Benefits of Propolis for Honey Bees <i>Dr. Frank Rinkevich, Keynote Speaker</i>	General Session Room MAIN
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Door Prizes and MBA Business Meeting (MBA Members)	Room MAIN
10:30AM - 11:00AM	BREAK - Visit Vendors!	Lobby
11:00AM - 11:30AM	Producing Royal Jelly <i>Mr. Sammy Ramazami, Keynote Speaker</i>	General Session Room MAIN
11:00AM - 11:30AM	Trapping Bees from Structures <i>Mr. James Rhein</i>	Breakout Session
11:30AM - 12:00PM	Does Queen Banking Increase Viral Infections in Young Queens? <i>Dr. Esmaeil Amiri</i>	General Session Room MAIN
11:30AM - 12:00PM	Beekeeping Myths and Utilizing the Whole Hive <i>Mr. John Turpin</i>	Breakout Session

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12:00PM - 1:30PM	<b>LUNCH</b> (PROVIDED WITH CONVENTION REGISTRATION)	
1:30PM - 2:00PM	Honey Production vs Bee Production <i>Ms. Chari Elam</i>	General Session Room MAIN
1:30PM - 2:00PM	Honey Extraction On A Shoestring Budget <i>Mr. Greg Dunn (MBA Member)</i>	Breakout Session
2:00PM - 2:30PM	TBA	General Session Room MAIN
2:00PM - 2:30PM	TBA	Breakout Session
2:30PM - 3:00PM	BREAK - Visit Vendors!	Lobby
3:00PM - 3:30PM	Primary Cause Of Colony Deaths in 2024 <i>Dr. Jeff Harris</i>	General Session Room MAIN
3:30PM - 4:00PM	Silent Auction Winners Grand Prize Winners Honey & Wax Show Winners	Room MAIN
4:00PM	Final Announcements and Adjournment	Room MAIN